

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Present: Kathi Liberman, Jane-Helen Ross, Donna Mattison, Claire Mehan, Joe Mehan, Christine Taylor, Kathy Bagley, Chris Skowronek, Millie Cournoyer, Barbara Higbee, Gerri Roberts (Council Liaison), Nancy Stilwell (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 2012 meeting were approved: motion by Joe Mehan, 2nd by Jane Helen Ross

Old Business: Donna Mattison reported that all speakers for the May 15th event have been confirmed. Everything is in place and ready to go. Iron Mountain document shredding company will be on site from 3:30 to 4:30 so that people can bring documents to be shredded.

Membership: There is a vacancy on the board due to the dissolution of the AARP chapter. Therefore, the SCAC will have one less member and a quorum will be based on the new number of members.

Committee Reports:

- Council – Gerri Roberts reported that budget hearings are ongoing
- Housing - Kathi Liberman reported that new insulation is being installed in some units and a grant is being submitted for new cabinets in the senior apartments. There was a senior and students event with Silas Deane Middle School which has now been happening annually for 14 years.
- Clergy – Chris Skowronek indicated that there was nothing new to report.
- Elderly Services – Chris Taylor reported that energy assistance is winding down and renter rebate starts May 15th. There are several upcoming programs: Living with Stroke on 5/12, a gathering at the capital to emphasize that those with mental illness have a life span 25 years less than others on 5/9, and issues related to safety at Executive Square on 4/20.
- WACPD – There was a meeting on March 17th that focused on transportation issues. Overall, there is a high level of satisfaction with Curtin as the Dial-a-Ride provider.
- Senior Club - Barbara Higbee reported that new officer elections are coming. There are candidates for all positions except Treasurer at this point.
- Social Services – Donna reported that the Senior Volunteer Recognition event was very well received and there is good publicity for the May 15th event.
- Nancy reported on two upcoming fund raising events that Panera is doing to benefit the Department. On April 21st a “Raise the Dough” breakfast will benefit the Youth Advisory Board, and a collection of cleaning and personal hygiene items will take place on May 15th and 16th. Anyone who contributes will get a gift card with a value to up to \$500.

- Kathy Bagley reported that the air conditioning for the gym is about to be installed and is being funded by the Keane Foundation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Mehan, 2nd by Millie Cournoyer. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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